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*An alphabetical index to the principal subjects of the first 100 reels of microfilm copies of documentary photographs, including the photographic survey of the United States produced under the direction of Roy E. Stryker for the Farm Security Administration and the Office of War Information in 1935-1943*

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## INTRODUCTION

The work of photographers under the direction of Roy Stryker for the Resettlement Administration, the Farm Security Administration and the Office of War Information is already famous as a sociological and economic survey of the United States during the period 1935-1943. Prints have been widely exhibited and published in books and periodicals for a great variety of purposes. This collection now forms the nucleus of the Library of Congress Photograph Section and it has, during the past two years, undergone extensive reorganization. These microfilms represent both a stage in the reorganization and a means for low-cost distribution of reproductions from which prints for publication may be ordered. For understandable reasons, it is impossible to provide a detailed index to individual prints. This index, therefore, is intended to bring out the principal subjects in entire "lots" or groups of photographs which have been arranged to correspond roughly with the original assignments of the photographers. It likewise serves as an aid in locating specific lots within the whole series of microfilms.

Even without the microfilms, the index may be used to determine the general scope of the first part of the collection to be organized. There are four sequences, all determined by work stages during reorganization:

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Lots 659-999. Miscellaneous lots, in the order in which they were organized. OWI photographers' assignments, 1942-43, with the addition of other material collected rather than photographed by OWI.

Lots 1000-1737. Resettlement Administration and Farm Security Administration photographic survey of America, 1935-1941: Middle West, Northeast, Southeast.

Approximately 100,000 photographs on 100 reels of positive microfilm appear in these first 1737 lots. The reels, each of which runs to 100 feet of film, contain from 15 to 20 lots of varying length, since the size of any one lot is determined by the number of photographs it contains. The individual lots are identified by a large number on the initial frame. The following frame, in each case, is a copy of a brief description of the lot, indicating its source and scope. There are 4 blank frames between lots, as an aid in "flashing" or locating a desired number in the middle of a reel by rapidly running the film through a projector while counting the flashes. The five irrelevant photographs which appear in the leader of many reels are printing tests. Lot numbers which do not appear in the index have not been microfilmed, as they were used for



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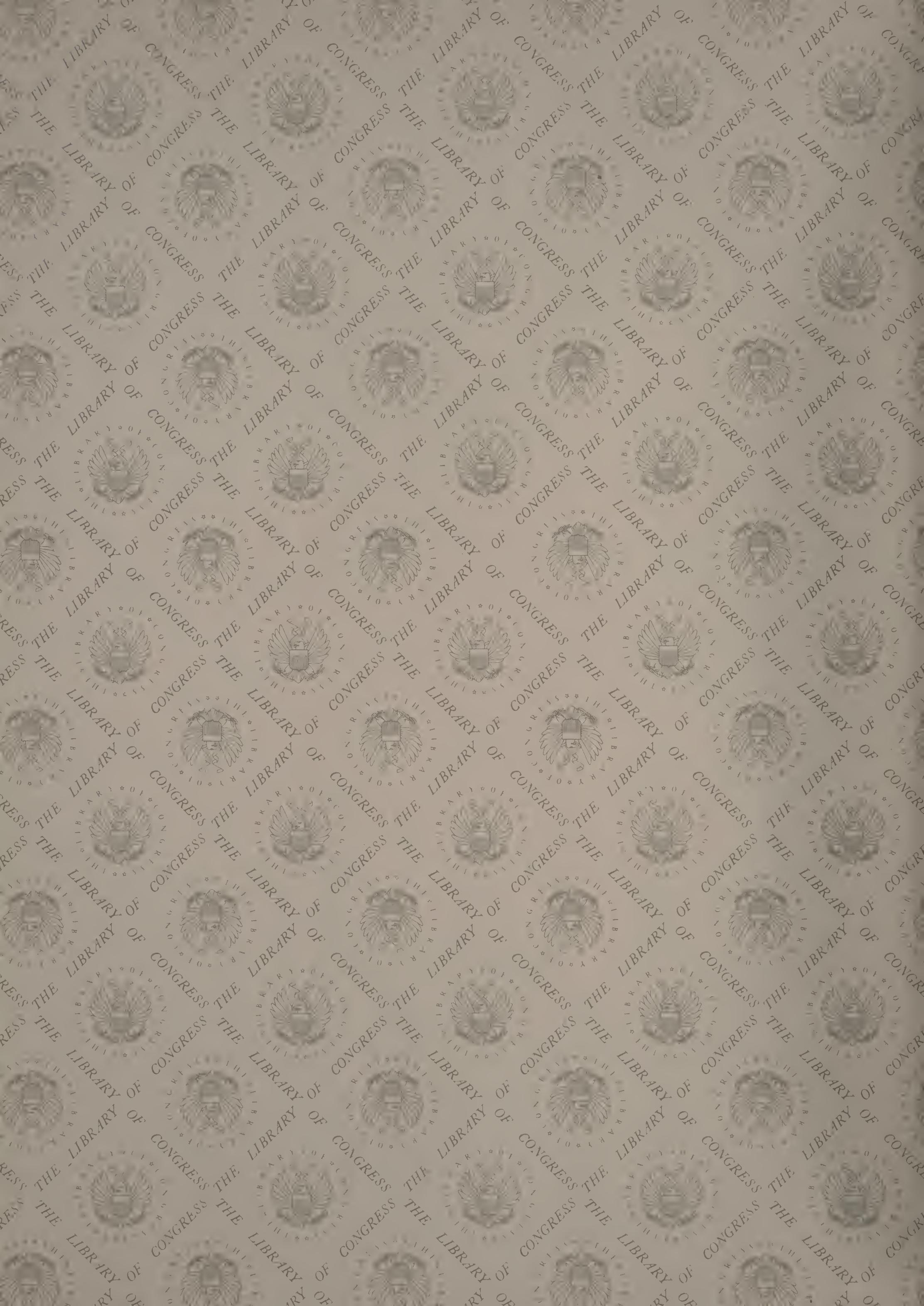
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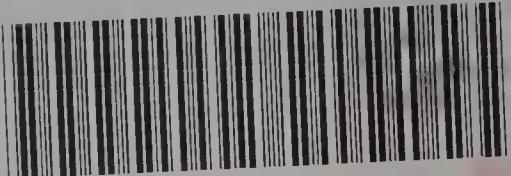








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